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Dear Member of Congress,

Congress has an exciting opportunity to move towards a new energy future: one that reduces our dependence on foreign oil, reduces global warming emissions, uses smarter, more energy efficient technologies, and relies on clean, homegrown, renewable energy sources to power our future.

As governors, we have recognized the need for and the promise of this new energy future. We have, along with many of our fellow governors and colleagues in other state capitols, already taken action.

Twenty-five states and the District of Columbia have now adopted renewable electricity standards, requiring the production of more electricity from clean, renewable sources. Ten states have adopted energy-efficiency standards for new appliances and equipment. Twelve states have adopted Clean Cars programs, which require new low-emission cars and new advanced-technology cars that go farther on a gallon of gas.

As governors, we are looking to Congress to continue our state-federal partnerships to constantly improve the environment in which we live and our children grow and to reach the promise of a new energy future.

This summer we saw signs of such progress. Both the House and Senate passed energy bills that, if enacted, would help put America on the clean energy path. The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy estimates that combining the best provisions of the House and Senate bills would cut projected global warming pollution by 19 percent and save consumers a total of \$850 billion by 2030 while reducing America's oil dependence, diversifying our energy supply, and creating thousands of new, good-paying jobs right here at home.

While these bills represent a step in the right direction, we call on Congress to approve energy legislation that will set more aggressive targets to shift to cleaner energy supplies, lower energy demand and reduce our country's reliance on oil, including:

- **Promoting Clean Energy** by adopting the House provision to establish a national renewable electricity standard, requiring

utilities to produce at least 15% of their electricity from renewable energy sources by 2020, and by extending renewable energy tax credits.

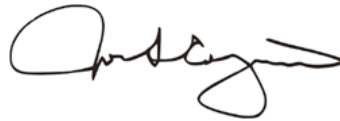
- **Saving Energy** by adopting strong energy-efficiency incentives and standards.
- **Reducing Our Nation's Dependence on Oil** by increasing fuel economy standards for cars and light trucks to 35 mpg by 2020. The standards in the Senate bill would save 1.2 million barrels of oil a day in 2020, save consumers \$25 billion, and substantially reduce global warming pollution.

The energy challenge our nation now faces demands this type of bold action. As state leaders, we are counting on you, our leaders in Congress, to join us in meeting this challenge as we work together to achieve the promise of a new energy future for America.

Sincerely,



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